



"Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over."

August 31, 2007

Qingdao No.1 International School of Shandong

Understanding the Birth of QISS

Director: Jeffrey Fischmann

On August 05, 2007, Mayor Xia made a bold decision to open Qingdao No. 1 International School Shandong Province. The new school's western name will be Qingdao International School Shandong – QISS. In the last 25 days an enormous amount of work has been completed to renovate our temporary facility at new International Building of No. 2 Middle School.

Today, our students have completed their first week of classes at the new facility. We appreciate all the support we've received from our faculty, staff, parents, students and the Qingdao Bureau of Education who has already spent more than USD 600,000 on the new school. Of course much work remains to be done. Day by day our collective efforts are contributing to what will be the best educational program we can possibly provide for our students.

I will keep you updated as to the progress being made to secure accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

(WASC). We have invited WASC to visit our campus at their earliest convenience. I will be meeting with representatives from WASC in early November. I am confident that once WASC can see for themselves that QISS has raised all of its standards, that we will secure their support for our new school.

The continued, strong support from the community is vital to achieve our collective aim of providing the best western-style international education for our students.



From the Upper School Principal

Principal: Peter Burnside

I would like to tell you about some exciting changes to the middle school and high school program this year.

First, we have adjusted the course schedule so that many courses meet in 90-min periods every other day. This allows students to do more in-depth activities in class and gives students fewer different classes each day.

Another change for all students is our new "Communication Skills" program.

Every student in grades 6-12 has been placed in a communication skills course according to their English proficiency. The goal of this program for students to develop their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills while engaging in interesting subject matter such as anthropology, philosophy, astronomy, and science, or reading classic literature. The language skills developed in these classes will help students with standardized tests

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From the Lower School Principal

Principal: Tim Green

Warm greetings and welcome back to school to all of you! It's such a pleasure to once again see your children's beautiful, smiling faces and observe their eagerness to work and play and experience the wonders of life! Your children inspire us daily; their enthusiasm and joy are contagious!

As you may know, we've changed our name as well as our location; we're now officially known as QISS (Qingdao No. 1 International School, Shandong). We've up-scaled, as far as the building goes; we have brighter and more spacious rooms and more modern amenities. There's still



some work to be completed throughout the building, and lots of re-organizing, and a million fine details to work out, so please continue to be patient with us as we go through our growing pains!

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September & October

Sept. 7	Open House
15	International Picnic
19-20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
21	U.S. Progress Reports
26-28	Career Days
28	L.S. Progress Reports
Oct. 1-5	National Day Holiday
22	Inservice (1/2 Day School)
26	End of First Quarter

Questions or Concerns	Contact	Tel
Attendance	Cady Lu (Chinese and English)	8890-8867
Transcripts and Records	Julia Zhu (Chinese and English)	8890-8867
Admissions	David Addicott (English)	8890-9801
Korean Translation	Grace Kim (Chinese and Korean)	8890-8867
Questions about student illness or to report a special medical need	Kathy Fischmann (Chinese and English)	8890-8867
General information or to contact a teacher. Contact our main office. If we cannot answer your question, we will have someone return your call as soon as possible	Main office (Chinese, English or Korean)	8890-8867

Lower School Principal (continued)

Our educational program is as strong as before, let me assure you, and we'll be focusing on providing our students with the best instruction with the best teaching materials available. As a matter of fact, we just received another \$6,000. shipment of leveled readers from Scholastics this very week! In addition, we'll be concentrating on strengthening the instructional techniques used by our teachers in preparing students for QISS Key

Assignments. Through authentic based instruction and assessments in writing, speech, use of technology within presentations, and other types of oral performances, we'll be providing highly meaningful and substantive learning activities. We'll be teaching your children using the most proven methodologies and practices that research has found to be effective in classrooms anywhere in the world.



High School Principal (continued)

such as the TOEFL or SAT.

In the high school, we have modified the special course offerings so that all students have a PE and computer class. Students can still choose one elective course in art, music, media production, publications, digital graphic design, or Chinese.

Finally, the Chinese program has adopted a new text series, "Chinese Made Easy" for all students. Our Chinese teachers have also just returned from a teaching workshop in Beijing and are implementing many innovative teaching techniques.

As parents, you are always welcome to visit your child's classroom and observe first hand what is being taught and learned. Both teachers and students enjoy having visitors! Also, please make a habit of visiting our website (www.qischina.org) often, so as to stay current in regards to up-to-date school information and events. We'll soon be posting information regarding our upcoming Open House evening re-scheduled now for Friday, September 07, and I'm looking forward to seeing each of you there!

Submissions welcomed for the new student designed school logo!

We need Volunteers!

QISS has many wonderful activities and events planned throughout the school year. Please fill out a Parent Volunteer Form at Open House and volunteer to help at one of them.



Mark this date!

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Community Meeting
September 20, 2007**

- **7:00 pm SPR White House 316 Hong Kong East Road (White building across from Old Stone Man Beach)**
- **This is the great forum to discuss ideas or concerns that impact the school community.**
- **Topics will be submitted to the QISS Leadership Team for review and follow up.**

Have Questions or Comments?

Students and parents, please take a moment to fill out a Question/comment form and put it in the Official Question/comment box located near the office. Your input is always appreciated.

PAC POWER!

*What is PAC? It's the Parent Advisory Committee.
Want to find out how you can join?*

Visit the PAC POWER Booth at Open house on September 7th and find out where you can put your energy to use.